(a) whether Government is considering an ad hoc subsidy to DAP to adjust to international price movements;

(b) whether levying customs duty on imported DAP is being considered; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to remove distortions in the consumption of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A concession of Rs. 1000/per tonne is being given on sale of indigenous DAP to the farmers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In order to encourage increased use of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers and to improve the nutrient balance, the scheme of special concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been continued since 1992-93. During 1994-95, the price of urea was also increased by 20%, correcting, to some extent, the imbalance in the pricing of Nitrogen(N) and other nutrients namely, Phosphate(P) and Potash(K).

Registration of Coconut Farmers

1218. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is likely to be introduced by the Coconut Development Board to register all conconut farmers in the country;

(b) whether any such survey has been conducted by the Coconut Development Board to establish the number of coconut farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of coconut farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) At present, there is no proposal to register all coconut farmers in the country by the Coconut Development Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exposing Fake Universities through Media

1219. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use print and electronic media to announce the names of such fake Universities and about their illegal degrees/ diplomas every day to safeguard the interests of students;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions in this regard at the earliest possible preferably the following day when the courses to be conducted by such fake Universities are published through media; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), information regarding fake universities was published in leading national newspapers on 13th July, 1995 based on a Press release of University Grants Commission with a view to cautioning unsuspecting students. This was also broadcast on Electronic Media such as T.V. & Radio on 12th July, 1995. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has informed that the information on the functioning of fake institutions/universities is released at regular intervals in the "Employment News' for the guidance of the student community. AIU produces extensive literature on the recognised institutions/ courses offered in the country for the benefit of students and others. The Association issues "Notifications' from time to time in "Employment News', "University News' and daily newspapers informing the students who ascertain the position on the standing of fake institutions from them. A large number of enquiries received in response to these notifications are also responded expeditiously by AIU.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Filling up of the Post of Assistant Archaeologist in A.S.I. through U.P.S.C.

1220. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the post of Assistant Archaeologists advertisement was sent to U.P.S.C. for publishing in the media but it was returned by U.P.S.C. to Archaeological Survey of India contradicting the one time age relaxation offered by the Ministry of Human Resource Development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since then i.e. 1987 no vacancies have been filled up by the A.S.I. through U.P.S.C. resulting in suffering work and spoiling future of trained Assistant Archaeologists since then; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Union Public Service Commission has been approached to fill up the vacant posts of Assistant Archaeologist. Necessary steps regarding advertisement of the post and selection are taken by U.P.S.C. at their end. The posts are to be filled up by U.P.S.C. as per the maximum age limit prescribed in the existing recruitment rules as it was not found possible to relax the prescribed age limit as a one time measure.

(b) and (c) The erstwhile post of Technical Assistant and its redesignated post of Assistant Archaeologist could not be filled up since 1987 due to court case and framing of separate recruitment rules for the redesignated post of Assistant Archaeologist. The recruitment rules for the post of Assistant Archaeologist have been finalised and U.P.S.C. has already been approached to fill up the same. In the absence of fresh recruitment, the archaeological work is carried out with the help of the available technical staff.

Post of Assistant Archaeologists lying vacant in Archaeological Survey of India

1221. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 80 posts of Assistant Archaeologists are lying vacant in Archaeological Survey of India and no advertisement to this effect has come since 1986;

(b) if so, the reasons for not filling up these posts; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up these posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Presently, 51 posts of Assistant Archaeologists are lying vacant. Recruitment to the erstwhile post of Technical Assistant and redesignated post of Assistant Archaeologist could not be made since 1987.

(b) The erstwhile post of Technical Assistant and redesignated post of Assistant Archaeologist could not be filled up due to court case and framing of separate recruitment rules for the post of Assistant Archaeologist.

(c) The recruitment rules for the post of Assistant Archaeologist have been finalised and Union Public Service Commission has already been approached to fill up the same.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के कर्मचारियों की छंटनी

1222. श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 27 मई, 1995 के बिजनैस स्टैंडर्ड में "सेल टू प्रून स्टाफ बाई 30,000 इन सिक्स इयरस्" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण आगामी वर्षों में लगभग 30,000 कर्मचारियों की छंटनी करने का विचार रखता है;